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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PASSPORT PROBLEM

REF: TRIPOLI 546, 559, 577 (NOTAL)

1. USG IS CONSIDERING WHAT OUR RESPONSE SHOULD BE TO
NEWLY " REINFORCED" LIBYAN REQUIREMENT THAT IT WILL ONLY
RECOGNIZE PASSPORTS OF NON- ARAB COUNTRIES WHICH CONTAIN
ARABIC TRANSLATION OF PASSPORT DATA CERTIFIED BY GOVERN-
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MENT ISSUING PASSPORT. WE ASSUME QADHAFI BELIEVES THAT COMMERCIAL PRESSURES BY FOREIGN COMPANIES WISHING TO DO BUSINESS IN LIBYA WILL INDUCE GOVERNMENTS TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT BEFORE LACK OF FOREIGN TECHNICIANS FORCES LARG TO SUBSTANTIALLY MODIFY THIS REQUIREMENT.

2. FYI ONLY. SOME REPORTS INDICATE THAT SOME GOVERNMENTS ARE INDEED CONTEMPLATING SUCH A MOVE UNILATERALLY TO ACCOMMODATE THE LARG. END FYI.

3. DEPT EXPECTS THAT THIS SUBJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED SOON BY POLADS. IF OTHER DELS DO NOT RAISE ISSUE, YOU SHOULD DO SO, MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. IN PERIOD WHEN GOVERNMENTS CONSIDERING THEIR RESPONSE TO LATEST LIBYAN ACTIONS RE THIS PROBLEM, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE MAXIMUM COORDINATION OF POLICIES RE A RESPONSE BY NATO GOVERNMENTS.

B. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY MODIFICATION OF PRESENT POLICIES RE LIBYAN PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE ON BASIS OF STRICT RECIPROCITY BETWEEN PASSPORT ISSUING GOVERNMENTS AND LARG. WE HOPE OTHER NATO GOVERNMENTS WILL AGREE TO THIS PRINCIPLE. RUSH

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